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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary,
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Fort Riley Letter of Support, City of Junction City, Kansas - FY 2026 BUILD Grant
Application: Grant Avenue Reconstruction Project

1. I strongly support Junction City's application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant for the Grant Avenue Reconstruction Project. This initiative is critical to Fort Riley's ability to meet mission requirements as an alternate Mobilization Force Generation Installation. This project is an investment in our mission, safety, resilience, and well-being of the Soldiers, Families, and civilians who live and work on and around Fort Riley.

2. Grant Avenue serves as the primary gateway to Fort Riley, accommodating approximately 400,000 vehicles monthly. It is essential for military mobilization, daily operations, and community connectivity.

a. Mission Readiness: Grant Avenue is critical for expedited movement of Soldiers during periods of heightened operational demand, such as Prepare to Deploy Orders (PTDO) or short-notice deployments. During PTDO or deployment scenarios, traffic volume increases significantly, and the current state of the roadway compromises our ability to meet rapid deployment requirements.

b. Safety and Quality of Life Enhancements: Modern roundabouts, center-turn lanes, bus turnouts, and improved pedestrian facilities will significantly reduce risks for the military-connected community. Wider sidewalks, ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings, and enhanced lighting will improve mobility and connectivity for all, including those with accessibility needs.

c. Strengthening Infrastructure: Raising the roadway, improving stormwater systems, and adding vegetated swales will mitigate flood risks and enhance resilience to extreme weather. Restoring this vital corridor will address deterioration caused by high traffic volumes and poor drainage, reducing maintenance costs and ensuring long-term reliability.

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